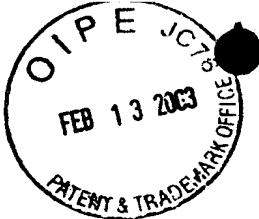


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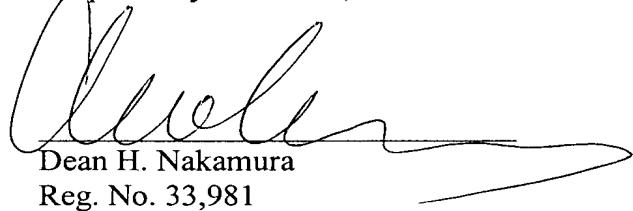
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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for a three-month extension of time to extend the time for response to the Office Action mailed 13 August 2002 to 13 February 2003. A check in the amount of \$465.00 for the extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b) is attached. This Petition is being filed in duplicate.

The Commissioner hereby is authorized to charge payment of any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 which may become due in connection with the instant application to Deposit Account No. 18-2220.

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